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**REGARDING THE AT&T AND T-MOBILE MERGER PROPOSAL (WT Docket No. 11-65).**

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As Mayor of Covington, a City of about 2,600 wonderful people in west central Indiana, I appreciate the value that advanced telecommunications infrastructure can provide our community from an economic development and quality of life standpoint.

Like Interstate 74, which passes just south of the city, access to modern wireless telecommunications infrastructure is essential if our community is to grow and prosper.

AT&T has pledged to deploy 4G LTE wireless broadband service to Covington as part of its proposed acquisition of T-Mobile USA. Consumers will benefit from expanded and upgraded service. Dropped and blocked calls will be reduced, data speeds dramatically increased and in-building coverage will be enhanced.

For this reason, I support the merger.

In parts of rural Indiana, including Fountain County, some businesses and consumers are not served by a wire line broadband provider. Others are underserved and have poor wireless service. Expanding next-generation wireless broadband network throughout our city and county will give these individuals better service, more choices and options.

Our city, which is located on the banks of the Wabash River, was founded in 1826, just 10 years after the State of Indiana was founded. Our City is the Fountain County seat. We have great schools, a friendly population and a high quality of life. Like larger cities, we share the dreams of our forefathers of prosperity, growth and living in a great place to raise our children.

Access to advanced 4G LTE wireless broadband service will enable us to retain our rural charm with access to big city services. I urge the Commission to act favorably on this proposal.

Sincerely,



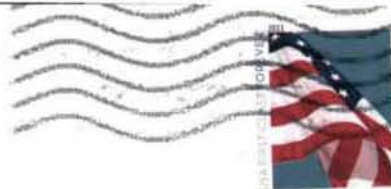
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